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I ONCE delivered an address before a Lodge on the subject of the external changes that Freemasonry had undergone since the period of its revival in the commencement of the eighth century.

The proper treatment of the topic required a reference to German, to French, and to English authorities, with some of which I am afraid that many of my auditors were not familiar. At the close of the address, a young and intelligent Brother inquired of me how he could obtain access to the works that I had cited, and of many of which he confessed, as well as of the facts that they detailed, he now heard for the first time. It is probable that my reply was not altogether satisfactory for I told him that I knew of no course that he could adopt to attain that knowledge except the one that had been pursued by myself, namely, to spend his means in the purchase of Masonic books and his time in reading them.

- Bro. Albert G. Mackey (1807-1881), Encyclopaedia of Freemasonry-1892, Preface

From the desk of the D.D.G.M.

Greetings Brethren of Toronto East District,
Finally evenings are growing lighter. Perhaps we'll see more Masons at our various events this spring!!

Speaking of events, April is a VERY busy month. We begin on the 1st with an Official Visit to Mimosa Lodge #576 and complete the last of the DDGM's Official Visits this year at Markham Union Lodge #87 on the 17th, with six more Official Visits in between. We've had some very good turnouts to support your Brethren in other Lodges. Lots of opportunity remains to get the Travelling Gavel - my challenge to every Worshipful Master!!

We also have two very special events this month that I hope will have very high attendance. Sunday, April 14 is our Divine Service where we can be part of our community with our families to share our



belief in the Great Architect together. Tuesday, April 30th is the Toronto and York Districts' Reception for the Grand Master. Photo opportunities with our Grand Master will be available for all Worshipful Masters from this, and the preceding year. Toronto East's R.W. Bro. Donald A. Campbell will also be on hand. Specific details for both events are available elsewhere and I hope to see many of you at these most important events.

One of my projects this year has been to provide a more physical presence with our youth groups. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to those Masons who have attended the DeMolay and Rainbow for Girls events recently and to the Worshipful Masters who have hosted a youth group in their respective Lodges. In addition, I'd like to personally thank W. Bros. Malcolm Parish and Patrick Hillis and their respective helpers who ensured the youth, their families and Masonic guests did not leave the meetings hungry!! Well done to all; the youth have told me how much they appreciate this support!

Speaking of projects, please consider a donation directly to the Masonic Foundation of Ontario, Project 2415 in support of the SickKids Foundation. We continue to receive donations but we still have a way to go.

Last month I spoke on "Noblesse Oblige" and received a lot of positive feedback; so much so that I thought I would include an excerpt. As a result this message is a bit longer than past ones.

"Noblesse oblige", a French phrase, means, in essence, that those of higher birth or social status have an obligation to behave more honourably or generously to those less privileged. I linked this with leadership requirements within our Fraternity. Along the way I quoted excerpts on "Leadership Jazz", the leadership of Rudolph Giuliani and the leadership secrets of General Colin Powell. Throughout, I tried to indicate my feeling that leadership is a necessary component in the effective and efficient running of our Lodges. I also mentioned the many opportunities through Grand Lodge to develop leadership skills. However, I want to leave all who read this month's message with the same three questions I left for my audience that night. Consider: -

"For those still in the officer line - what are you doing to get yourself ready to be the Worshipful Master of your lodge?

- *As Rudy Giuliani states - what are YOU doing to prepare yourself?*

For those currently sitting in the Chair of King Solomon - what are you doing to become a better leader?

- *As Colin Powell would ask - what example are you setting for those following behind you?*

And for everyone in the Lodge - Worshipful Master, Officer, Past Master or Member - *what are you doing so that, like Max DePree's analogy of the jazz band, everyone plays together following the leader's guidance to become stronger as Masons, more vibrant as a Lodge and, most importantly, better as men in our community?*

Masonry continues to hold itself out as an organization that helps good men to become better. I think helping to develop our leadership skills is part of that."

I thought so that night . . . and I still do!

May the G.A.O.T.U. keep you safe and help us all to remain true to our obligations.

Freemasonry in action . . . deeds speak!!



Sincerely and Fraternaly,

R. W. Bro. Bruce N. Palanik
District Deputy Grand Master
Toronto East District



EVENTS CALENDAR:

April 2013						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<u>1</u> April Fools Day * Mimosa-Official Visit Visitors - 7:30 pm East Toronto	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u> * Brougham Union-Official Visit Visitors - 7:30 pm Claremont * Rainbow Girls - Mexican Theme Dinner see below Doric Pickering	<u>4</u> * Doric-Friend to Friend Evening Visitors - 7:30 pm Doric Pickering	<u>5</u> * Wexford-Official Visit Visitors - 7:30 pm Doric Pickering	<u>6</u> * TED-Officer Progression Mentoring Workshop 2B Cancelled	<u>7</u> * TED-Habitat For Humanity Build Day see below
<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u> * Coronati-Official Visit Visitors - 7:30 pm Doric Pickering	<u>12</u> * Doric-Family Curling Night see below Annandale Curling Club	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u> * TED-Divine Service see below St. Dunstan of Canterbury
<u>15</u> * Caledonia-Official Visit Visitors - 7:30 pm York	<u>16</u> * Riverdale / John Ross Robertson-Official Visit Visitors - 7:30 pm East Toronto	<u>17</u> * Markham Union-Official Visit Banq - 6:00 pm ← Visitors - 7:30 pm Doric Pickering	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u> * Birch Cliff, Canada, Scarborough and Wexford-Friend to Friend see below Doric Pickering * The Beaches-Ladies Night see below School of Fine	<u>21</u> * Rainbow Girls - Introduction to Rainbow and PJ Game Party see below Doric Pickering
<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u> * TED-Officer Progression Mentoring Workshop 2C Cancelled	<u>28</u>
<u>29</u>	<u>30</u> Toronto and York Districts-Grand Master's Reception see below Crystal Fountain Banquet Hall					



May 2013						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		<u>1</u>	<u>2</u> * The Beaches- Installation Visitors - 7:30 pm York	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u> * Markham Union- Rusty Mason Breakfast see below Claremont	<u>5</u> * Scarborough- Walk for MS see below
<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u> * Friendship- Installation Banq - 6:00 pm ← Cost - \$10 Visitors - 8:00 pm Doric Pickering	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u> * Mimosa- MasoniChIP Day Edithvale Community Centre	<u>12</u> Mother's Day if mom isn't happy - no one is happy!
<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u> * Canada- Friend to Friend Evening Visitors - 7:30 pm Doric Pickering	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>
<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u> * Alpha-Tuscan and Riverdale/John Ross Robertson- Doors Open Toronto and- MasoniChIP Day East Toronto	<u>26</u>
<u>27</u> Victoria Day first long weekend of the summer!	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u> * Toronto and York Districts- Masters Dinner School of Fine Dining	<u>30</u> * Scottish Rite- Master Mason's Night see below Rameses Masonic Centre	<u>31</u> * TED- Spring Business Meeting 7:30 pm Doric Pickering		



AROUND AND ABOUT:

Toronto East District Charity



We have been accepted as a Community Partner under the umbrella of the Child Life Program of the Sick Kids Foundation. We hope to raise enough money to buy at least one Multi-Sensory Cart for the children who unfortunately have to stay in Sick Kids. These carts can turn waiting rooms, corridors or hospital rooms into a reactive and enjoyable time for the Children as well as enticing positive reactions from the more seriously ill. When making donations to the project through the Masonic Foundation of Ontario, please use **Project Number 2415** on your cheque.

Contact: Malcolm Parish @ malcolm_parish@hotmail.com or 905.213.9858

Nothing more completely baffles one who is full of trick and duplicity, than straightforward and simple integrity in another.

- Charles Caleb Colton (1780-1832)

Blood Donor Clinics



Below you will find the district scheduled Blood Donor Clinics, but if you cannot attend them find yourself a clinic at the website indicated below and go and give blood. It is necessary to book an appointment by calling 1.88.todonate (1.888.636.6283). Take your family and friends. Be sure to let your lodge Blood Donor Chairman know that you have donated to get credits for your lodge. The Toronto East District 'Partners for Life' number is **MASN011058** and any donation registered under that number goes in our totals count.

For information regarding the location of blood donor clinics, go to
www.blood.ca/centreapps/clinics/InetClinics.nsf/CVSE?OpenForm&CloseMenu

Contact: John Katz @ johnkatz@sympatico.ca or 416.264.7399

Upcoming Toronto East District Blood Donor Clinics -
To Be Announced To Be Announced

FYI

In 1839 the Mormons left Missouri and settled in the area of Nauvoo, IL. On October 15, 1841, the Illinois Grand Master issued a dispensation to form a lodge at Nauvoo. On March 15th 1842, Joseph Smith received his first degree and the others shortly after. Certain irregularities were reported - in five months the lodge initiated 256 candidates and 243 were raised. After investigation, the Grand Master revoked the dispensation, but the lodge continued to work. On April 5th 1844, the Mormon masons dedicated a Masonic Temple. Illinois Masons got in trouble for taking part in the ceremony. Opposition



to the group and internal dissension led to the assassination of Joseph Smith and the removal of the Mormons from Illinois.

- Alphonse Cerza, *The Truth is Stranger than Fiction*, MSA

Remember the North East Corner

Although there are no days in the year when mattresses are not on sale, anyone who has had to buy one recently knows that a decent mattress, all by itself, is not a cheap article to buy.

Patients rarely think of their bed as a piece of equipment, but it is a vital part of every hospital stay, and is needed in almost every hospital department.

The Rouge Valley Health System, composed of Centenary Hospital built in 1967 and Ajax Pickering Hospital built in 1954, has served eastern Toronto for all that time. Some of the beds in use have been there since the building of each respective hospital. They have gone through more than a generation of being pushed and pulled, raised and lowered, and soaked in more liquids than anyone wants to discuss. They are breaking down and are constantly in need of repair. As anyone watching the news is aware, getting funding from any level of government is like trapping a cloud.



The cost of most of the beds is in the \$5,000 range but there are many specialized beds, including those for the Intensive Care Unit that can cost as much as \$15,000 or more. The more modern beds have more electronic features for general use and also serve for longer term patients. Features include:

- Special climate control mattresses
- Bed scale for weighing
- Low air loss
- Touch screens to monitor patients
- Rotating modules

You can help restore comfort and health, one bed at a time.

With generous support, the goal is to purchase as many new beds as possible over the next two years. Beds that are purchased in full will have a donor plaque attached.

Create a [personalized, secure website](#) for yourself, or your lodge, with challenges or an event, and collect online donations. Each donor to your fundraising page will receive his or her own receipt automatically by email.

Outright Gift

You may consider purchasing beds in one payment. In this case, your gift will be celebrated immediately (see [Recognizing Your Generosity](#)), and your charitable tax receipt will be mailed immediately.

Pledges

To make it easier to buy a bed for your local community hospital, you may consider making a pledge, by paying in instalments over a one or two year period, customized to your needs. You will receive a receipt immediately each time a pledge payment is received. To set up your pledge, please call 416.281.7119.

Make a Direct Donation

You may wish to make a one-time gift of \$20, \$50, \$100, \$500 or whatever you can afford.

Payment Options



Online: Credit card donations are accepted online, using a secure server, at www.buyabed.ca. Gifts may also be made in honour or in memory of someone significant in your life. Tax receipts are available for immediate download.

By phone: Call 416.281.7342 to set up your pledge or make one-time or monthly donations using Visa, MasterCard or American Express.

By mail: Cheques payable to the Rouge Valley Health System Foundation may be mailed to: Rouge Valley Health System Foundation, 2867 Ellesmere Road, Toronto, ON M1E 4B9

In person: Rouge Valley Health System gladly accepts Visa, MasterCard or American Express, as well as cash, debit or money orders at the office above.

Toronto East Masonic Centre



As reported previously, with the business of acquiring the property at Birchmount and Lawrence now complete, at the last TEMC meeting, members, directors and all present were updated as to our project's progress, particularly within the City's own planning department, and also with respect to next steps in general and achieving our goals at that corner in particular.

By working closely with our architect, Kirkor, and anticipating their needs, we possess a commercial dual-tower design for the prestigious north-east corner, provided quite efficiently and effectively. Therefore, our well-armed project team and executives continue to meet with city planners and receive their feedback to develop and transform this important cross-road of Scarborough appropriately, once only a few decades ago an apple orchard - in accordance with their own zoning recommendations - and to thus best serve the community in the future.

In order to one day enjoy the Ribbon Cutting ceremony at our new Temple Towers, not to mention the upcoming Cornerstone Laying ceremony, the process of acquiring all the necessary paperwork that will enable us to reach our next major milestone and much-anticipated and rather critical phase of the operation, construction, is well underway. Indeed, as you might imagine, along this path there are many challenges to overcome and mini-milestones to manage.

As these are duly met and once the city's approval has been received, given the anticipated investment, our newly-minted land is then conservatively projected to provide annual rental income to us from not only top-tier retailers on the ground floor, underground parking beneath and the temple above, but also from the towers themselves, as well as several real estate considerations. From this valuation, the city is provided their fee.

In order to maximize our square feet, our density, we the TEMC board need to know what a potential customer might be willing to pay. We have engaged professionals and are heeding their advice.

As a sidebar, and worthy of discussion, is the naming of our project. At present, we refer informally to the overall development as Temple Towers, for obvious reasons, but most recently two other decent suggestions have been put forward: Temple Common and Temple Square. There are excellent parallels in each of the three, when thinking in terms of adjectives and defining the integrity of the property, while reflecting the intention of its owners and many stakeholders, now and down the road.

Speaking of stakeholders, you would not be alone if you were thinking how we propose to finance (yes - pay for) the design and construction of said aforementioned development, in order to provide the district with two new resplendent lodge rooms and meeting rooms and public spaces appropriately conceived



and adorned. Be assured, financing is an equation of intended profit sharing on a step-by-step basis, balancing risk and return, based on bank-approved estimates.

One tower block will be pre-sold, and so will the other, as will the connective several stories of floors that will house numerous offices, suites, diagnostic clinics, treatment centres and other commercial facilities. Once pre-sold, we move forward. But first, we continue to work with the city to get their approval. In the meantime, we are discussing with two very competent commercial real estate brokers who have co-proposed to maximize our income opportunities that currently present themselves to us, from top to bottom of the development.

Raising the necessary financing is a strategy successfully executed when all parties, typically professionally known to each other, partition the defined asset, appreciate its commercial value and agree to a price tag on each square foot, and walk away understanding their unique and respective roles to achieve each private goal. By meeting the city's requirements and having obtained their approval, and paid the proper fee, in a domino-like sequence of planned events our numerous partners will provide us a balance of capital and services at the appropriate time.

Together they will act in concert, and their activities will conclude construction, and deliver unto us a new temple. Not only will Freemasonry have a new home, but on an annual basis the board will need to distribute the net proceeds of its operations, namely the aforementioned rental income from the ground floor retail operations and the parking. Speaking of the new home, there is much creative thinking, proposing and talking being done regarding the interior of the lodges, hallways and adjacent rooms, and the remaining public spaces throughout our development that might require a special painting or photograph, artefact or display of jewels.

TEMC is not burdened by many committees. One has been formed to consider the adornment of our lodges, given the considerable amount of property in storage. Will we use existing chairs and altars? Will we build anew? Years ago it was agreed by our board the new lodge rooms would be traditional in their look and feel. No one has ever had an objection to that recommendation. The TEMC board would look to this committee to make their proposals shortly, having analysed the historical and functional balance of items required, and to be selected and provided.

Our V.W. brother and TEMC Secretary, Joe Das, relates a wonderful story concerning the tassels previously adorning the Scarborough Temple. On that level, W. Bro and TEMC VP Jim MacKinnon also recently recalled whence came the Square and Compasses outside and above the entranceway at the Toronto East Temple. These are a few of the stories that will connect Masons going forward, and I hope many of you will come forward with more stories to proudly continue this thread of knowledge, minimally for future generations of temple visitors to reflect upon.

If you have a good thought, now is the time to come forward and speak up.

The Scarborough Temple came together in the wake of multiple decisions (likely preceded by incredibly passionate, tumultuous and divisive discussions after lodge around the pot belly stove) to sell their beloved single-use temples. If there are any writers in the crowd, it might be apropos that we consider a book proposition or two. I don't think TEMC will officially engage in any promotional fundraising activity, but I do think we can name chairs in our new lodges, and name the rooms themselves, while perhaps erecting a brick wall with a family tree of names - our founding and original funding members of not only the Scarborough and Chisholm properties, but those throughout our geographic catchment area that also once stood for years as beacons of light binding their local communities.



I might nudge all the lodge historians to get together and determine what they think is valuable.

Build it and they will come. The taller of our two towers will rise 15 storeys at the corner; atop it our temple will comprise three floors, replete with a winding staircase and possibly a museum-worthy statue of Sir John A MacDonald, John Ross Robertson or Syl Apps; and maybe Romanesque busts of our Most Worshipfuls from the district will be featured prominently. It can be done.

S&F,
W. Bro. Graeme Boyce
President, TEMC & SMTC

Toronto East District Email Lists

The mailing lists for Toronto East District news have been migrated to the list manager on the Toronto East District website. This will allow you to add or remove your name from the list, as you see fit. It will also allow for changes in moderators without having to rebuild the list.

Toronto East District has two email lists,

news@torontoeastdistrict.com

'News' provides information on activities in the district outside of the lodge room (news, deaths, Grand Lodge announcements, etc.).

events@torontoeastdistrict.com

'Events' reports on activities in the lodge room (special meetings, This Week in Toronto East known as TWiTE).

We hope that you see the advantage of being on these two lists. Also, if you know a brother who isn't on these lists, you can direct them to www.torontoeastdistrict.com/events.html where they can elect to join one or both.

You control your participation in the lists by subscribing or unsubscribing. Click on the links on the Communications Committee page of the website,

www.torontoeastdistrict.com/resources/committees/communication.html

You will receive an email that asks you to click on a link that verifies your email address.

To communicate with the Communications chairman, please continue to use his egoodwin@rogers.com address. The addresses of the lists are strictly for publishing information and messages sent to them will not be answered.

You Got Stuff?

For 20 years, Doric Lodge has engaged in inter-visitations with Hamilton Lodge in Jamaica. Every 2-1/2 years, one of the lodges travels to the other and is put up and entertained at the expense of the host lodge. In 2014, the Jamaicans will be coming to Toronto. For some unknown reason, they can never be persuaded to come in February. The cost of hosting is considerable, and fund raising has begun.

There might be items you would be willing to donate to a Yard



Sale taking place this May. Rather than dispose of something you replaced at Christmas, could you keep the Yard Sale in mind? Livestock and family members will not be considered.

Doric Lodge wants to make the Yard Sale a huge success, but really needs many items of value. Now is the time to start thinking about it. Hidden treasures are needed. Perhaps speak with your neighbours about donations as well.

If you have items of value and no room to store them, Doric Lodge will pick them up.

Contact: Ed Lang @ olelangsignsca@yahoo.ca or 905-839-5213

International Gathering of Masonic Lodges Named for St. Alban



Quinte St. Alban's Lodge in the Toronto Don Valley District will host the 60th Annual International Gathering of Masonic Lodges Named for St. Alban on September 20 - 22, 2013. Masons and their ladies are expected from Canada, the U.S.A., the U.K. and Germany. Brethren and their ladies who are not associated with a St. Alban's Lodge are always welcome to attend.

Fully registered participants will enjoy a Friday evening social get-together, lunch and Lodge meeting for Brethren on the Saturday afternoon, a ladies' program during the day on Saturday, and a banquet for everyone on Saturday evening. Single tickets will be available for lunch and for the banquet. The cost of the various events will be made known once it has been determined.

The main venue is the Holiday Inn (Yorkdale), and the lunch and Lodge meeting will be held at the York Masonic Temple. Those interested should mark the dates on their calendar now.

The Chairman of the Planning Committee is R.W. Bro. E. Roy Harrison, and the joint Registrars are R.W. Bro. Ian D. Nichols, and his wife Jean.

Further information can be obtained by sending an e-mail message to 2013gathering.to@gmail.com.

International Order of the Rainbow-Toronto Assembly #2

In December 2008, the Humane Society of Durham Region had a catastrophic fire killing more than 150 animals; firefighters were only able to rescue 8 dogs and 2 cats. The Humane Society is now in a new building, however your support is still needed. Please consider donating your Canadian Tire coupons OR old blankets or towels.



(There is a bin located at the entrance to lodge room of the Doric Pickering Masonic Hall)



Officer Progression Workshops

Due to insufficient registrations, the Spring Sessions of the Officer Progression Workshop, which were to have been held on March 16, April 6 and April 27, have been **cancelled**.

I Was Wondering

Can a “Lewis” be admitted to a lodge in our jurisdiction?

In some jurisdictions a Lewis is a man who has not yet attained the age of twenty-one years, but is permitted to make application if he has a family connection. If he has complied with the rules and regulations of his own jurisdiction with which we are in amity, then, subject to Sec's. 213 to 216, of the Book of Constitution, he would be permitted to visit.

Book of Constitution-2011-Sec. 213-A member in good standing-who has been personally vouched for by a brother in good standing or who has passed a satisfactory examination by a Board of Trial may visit a lodge at the discretion of the Master.

Book of Constitution-2011-Sec. 214-A Board of Trial for a visitor shall be conducted by at least two Master Masons of the lodge, of whom one should be an Installed Master, appointed by the Master and the examination shall include:

- (a) a lodge dues card or other evidence of membership, a certificate of Demission, or a Certificate of Standing;*
- (b) acceptable proof of having been initiated, passed and raised in Craft Masonry; and*
- (c) the requirement that the visitor either subscribe to the Tyler's oath in accordance with prescribed Form 3 or repeat it.*

Book of Constitution-2011-Sec. 215-Following satisfactory examination, the visitor shall enter his name, Masonic rank and the name of his lodge in which he claims or last claimed membership, in the attendance book to be kept by each lodge for the purpose'

Book of Constitution-2011-Sec. 216-A visitor shall be subject to the by-laws of a lodge and to the Constitution of Grand Lodge.

Does the Grand Master have the authority to make a mason “at sight”?

The Grand Master, under Sec. 90 of the Book of Constitution, does have this prerogative, although in our jurisdiction, it has not been used since 1939, when M.W. Bro. William J. Dunlop exercised his authority. See the History of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario, pg. 241, for details.

Book of Constitution-2011-Sec. 90-The foregoing powers and prerogatives of the Grand Master shall not be construed as limiting or abridging the powers and prerogatives attached to the office of Grand Master by Masonic law and custom, except insofar as they are by this Constitution expressly limited or abridged.

History of the Grand Lodge-Pg. 241-So far as the writer has been able to learn, M.W. Bro. Dunlop was the first Grand Master to exercise his prerogative of making a Mason “at sight,” that is to confer all three degrees without the usual preliminaries and previous probation. The candidate for this unique and singular ceremony was the Honourable and Reverend H. J. Cody, M.A., D.O., LL.D., President of the University of Toronto, who for many years had evinced a deep interest in our Order and was frequently chosen as the guest speaker at gatherings of Masons. Soon after this, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania followed M.W. Bro. Dunlop's example and by him the distinguished President of Temple University was made a Mason “at sight.”



May another book of Faith be placed on the Altar in addition to the Volume of the Sacred Law?

In the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario, most lodges, but not all, use the King James Version of the Holy Bible as the Volume of the Sacred Law. Freemasonry however is universal and other Grand Lodges choose to use other Holy Books as their Volume of the Sacred Law. Our Grand Lodge simply seeks from petitioners their belief in the existence of a Supreme Being.

When we have a candidate whose faith emanates from another Holy Book, it is permissible to interpose this Holy Book between the Volume of the Sacred Law and the Square and Compasses for the obligation. After the obligation, the Holy Book is closed but left on the Altar, further, the lodge may decide to place this Holy Book (or Books) on the Altar, but not opened, whenever the Lodge is at work.

It is a matter of extreme importance that we extend this courtesy to our members, and honour our commitment to universality.

When does the Immediate Past Master leave the East to open or close the Volume of the Sacred Law?

In the openings after the Worshipful Master has declared the lodge open. In the closings after the knocks by the Worshipful Master.

Does the Immediate Past Master who is moving to open or close the Volume of the Sacred Law carry the sign?

The Past Master who is designated to adjust the 3 Great Lights does not carry the sign; neither does he pause at any time or place to await the knocks of the Wardens. See the Guidelines for Officers Pg. 5, No. 7.

Guidelines for Officers-1985-Pg. 5, No. 7-The Past Master designated to adjust the Great Lights does not carry the Sign when proceeding to the Altar. Neither does he pause at any times or places to await the knocks of the Wardens. If the Chaplain is the designated Past Master, it is not necessary that he circle the Altar in returning to his station. (This booklet is supposedly made redundant by the expansion of the rubrics in the latest editions of The Work. Unfortunately, not all the information was transferred.)

When adjusting the 3 Great Lights, is it permissible for the Past Master to kneel?

There is no requirement to kneel, neither is there a prohibition against doing so.

In the openings and closings is it necessary for the Wardens to give the Step and Sign?

The Step and Sign are given as indicated in the rubrics of the ritual.

In the closings, when does the Immediate Past Master adjust the 3 Great Lights, and what do the members do when the adjustments are being made?

At the return of the Tyler's knocks, the Immediate Past Master proceeds to adjust the 3 Great Lights. See the Guidelines for Officers Pg. 5, No. 9. At the same time the brethren drop the sign and assume the Sign of Fidelity. See the rubrics in the Book of the Work on Pgs. 27, 30 and 35.

Guidelines for Officers-1985-Pg. 5, No. 9-In the closings, the Past Master does not proceed to adjust the Great Lights until the knocks have been returned by the Tyler. (This booklet is



supposedly made redundant by the expansion of the rubrics in the latest editions of The Work. Unfortunately, not all the information was transferred.)

Book of the Work-2009-Pg. 27-(Third Degree Closing) The Wardens leave their chairs and take their positions midway between the altar and the Senior Warden's chair, about five feet apart. The Senior Warden faces the South; the Junior Warden faces the North. The Junior Warden advances to the Senior Warden by three ordinary steps. He then takes the step of a Fellowcraft and gives the Casual Signs (Sign of Horror and Sign of Sympathy), the Five Points of Fellowship and the Words. The Junior Warden then faces the East, steps to the Altar, salutes the Worshipful Master with the Step and Penal Sign of a Master Mason, and returns to his place in the South. The Senior Warden, facing the East, salutes the Worshipful Master with the Step and Penal Sign of a Master Mason.

Book of the Work-2009-Pg. 30-(Third Degree Closing) The knocks are repeated by the Inner Guard and Tyler. At this point the brethren drop the Sign and place the Right Hand on Left Breast while the Past Master opens the Volume of the Sacred Law at Judges XII, 6, and then places one Point of the Compasses under the Square, gives the Step and 3-Fold Sign of a Fellowcraft and resumes his place. (If no Past Master is present, the Junior Warden performs this duty.) The Worshipful Master gives 1 knock and the brethren resume their seats.

Book of the Work-2009-Pg. 35-(Second Degree Closing) The knocks are repeated by the Inner Guard and Tyler. At this point the brethren drop the Sign and place the Right Hand on Left Breast while the Past Master opens the Volume of the Sacred Law at Ruth IV., 7, and then places both Points of the Compasses under the Square, gives the Step and Sign of an Entered Apprentice and resumes his place. (If no Past Master is present, the Junior Warden performs this duty.) The brethren drop the Sign of Fidelity after the Past Master gives the S Step and Sign of an Entered Apprentice. The Worshipful Master gives 1 knock and the officers and brethren resume their seats.

If no signs are given before the Volume of the Sacred Law is opened, how can we come to order?

It is important to distinguish between the Penal Sign and coming to order.

Why does the Senior Deacon await the return of the Junior Deacon?

The Deacons carry the messages and commands of the Worshipful Master to the Wardens, (the Senior Deacon to the Senior Warden and the Junior Deacon to the Junior Warden.). The Senior Deacon awaits the return of the Junior Deacon to ascertain that these duties have been completed and he can then confirm this information to the Worshipful Master. See the Book of the Work, Pg. 4.

Book of the Work-2009-Pg. 4-(First Degree Opening)

Worshipful Master -- Brother Junior Warden the situation of the Junior Deacon?

Junior Warden -- At the right hand of the Senior Warden, Worshipful Sir.

Worshipful Master -- His duty?

Junior Warden -- To carry the messages and commands of the Worshipful Master from the Senior to the Junior Warden and to see that the same are punctually obeyed, Worshipful Sir.

Worshipful Master -- Brother Senior Warden the situation of the Senior Deacon?

Senior Warden -- At or near the right hand of the Worshipful Master, Worshipful Sir.

Worshipful Master -- His duty?

Senior Warden -- To carry the messages and commands of the Worshipful Master to the Senior Warden and await the return of the Junior Deacon, Worshipful Sir.

- Grand Lodge of Instruction - Questions and Answers-2004



Now, Here Is A Lodge In . . .



Little Falls, New York

thanks to Vic Wilson, Universe

The building was sold about 15 years ago. The woman that owns it now continues to keep it in its natural condition and hold weddings, proms etc. to help pay for the upkeep. She has a pottery shop in the lower level. She will also tour the lodge with visitors. They use the lodge room for the actual weddings. It is virtually a museum of days gone by.

Do you have a picture of a Masonic Hall in downtown Some-Place-Else? Send it in and let others see.

Brethren, it appears no one is travelling. My supply of buildings is getting VERY low.

Please!

A hero is someone who can keep his mouth shut when he is right.

- Jewish Proverb

Wednesday April 3 2013

Toronto Assembly #2 - Rainbow Girls - Mexican Theme Dinner

All are invited to a mid-week easy dinner featuring Mexican style items. This is also a Sweet 16 celebration for one of their members, Courtney Deveaux.



The menu will feature -

- Chilli
- Spanish Rice
- Tossed Salad
- Virgin Margaritas
- Tortilla Shells and Wraps with all the trimmings
- Nachos and Dip
- Birthday Cake
- Tea and Coffee

There will be music, games, a baby photo contest and lots of *FUN!*

Come out and enjoy a quick and easy meal while learning what the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls is all about. Bring along any young ladies 11 to 21 who could benefit.



Canadian Tire Coupons or Pet Food Donations for the Durham Humane Society are most welcome.

Time: 6:00 pm
Location: Doric Pickering Masonic Hall
Cost: \$7 pp - child
\$10 pp - adult
\$30 - family of 4
Contact: Barb McGregor@ barb.mcgregor@rogers.com or 416.282.4254

Saturday April 7 2013

Habitat for Humanity Build Day



Your friendly neighbourhood bureaucrats have been ‘helping’ with this project and the date of the Build Day is getting bounced around. Hopefully, this will be the last change.

No doubt, long before we stood in the north east corner of the lodge, Charity has been an integral part of our personal fabric, and yet the pure virtue itself can become less tangible and even lost in the distraction of process, routine, tax receipts, etc. (we are asked - we pull out our chequebooks). Our roots are as Operatives, we are “doers” more than “sayers”, and yet very few of our charitable endeavours grant us the opportunity to be truly charitable in deed (and not just in pocketbook) as Habitat for Humanity does. I am reminded of the parable in the Volume of the Sacred Law where the widow threw less than a penny’s worth into the Temple collection - Jesus called her out and noted that she had given more than the rich had given: “For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living.” (Mark 12:44). I know for myself, and for many of you, time is the most valuable asset we have. What then is more purely charitable - and Masonically charitable - than giving of our time to build a home for a deserving family in our community?

We have committed to filling 15 positions on this volunteer team and we need your help. You can sign up by [clicking on this link](#) and then selecting “Join This Team.” If you are unable to participate by building you can always sponsor our build by selecting “Sponsor This Team.”

Time: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Location: New Crescent (697 Danforth Rd.)
Cost: \$75 pp - minimum amount each team member must raise
Contact: Joseph Curry @ joseph.curry@gmail.com or 647.893.6298

Friday April 12 2013

Doric - Family Curling Night

Come and thrill to the shouts of “Hurry! Hurry!” and “Get out of the way!” Witness this highly risky and dangerous game - especially if it’s *your* kid who’s throwing the rock.

If you’ve wondered what the game is all about and / or your kids are interested, here is a chance to experience the game in a very, very relaxed atmosphere. Definitely not an evening for the skilled and competitive. Often just sitting in the gallery and watching is



worth the price of admission. ☺

A dinner of roast beef on a bun, fries and gravy is planned. Cash bar.

Time: 7:15 pm - Curling
8:30 pm - Dinner
Location: Annandale Curling Club
(Church St. north of Bayly)
Cost: \$15 pp - dinner
\$25 pp - curling and dinner
Contact: Keith Larocque @ tinselmason@fanoftheweb.com or 1.905.721.8701

Sunday April 14 2013
Toronto East District - Annual Divine Service



All are encouraged to attend, Masons, non-Masons, their families and friends. Regalia are to be worn and Masters to wear their collars.

Time: 9:30 am - Assemble
10:00 am - Service Begins
Location: St. Dunstan of Canterbury
56 Lawson Rd., Scarborough (west of Meadowvale Rd.)
Contact: Joe Das @ joedas683@gmail.com or 416.291.6444

Saturday April 20 2013
Birch Cliff, Canada, Scarboro and Wexford - Friend to Friend

Do you know someone who has shown an interest in Freemasonry? Do you have a co-worker or neighbour who has the attributes that would make them a suitable candidate for Masonry? If so, bring them along to this morning of information for perspective candidates.

Time: 10:00 am
Location: Doric Pickering

Saturday April 20 2013
The Beaches - Ladies Night Gala

The Beaches Lodge is hosting its annual Ladies Night Gala, once again, at their very own Bro. Nick Zarafonitis' restaurant, The School of Fine Dining, at a bargain price for a lovely meal at such an establishment. You can not get a better deal.

Each table will have 2 complimentary bottles of wine. There will be a cash bar and of course a DJ and dancing. A whole night of dancing, door prizes and other entertainment. Your special Lady will be very impressed. Tickets are limited so don't be disappointed.



Time: 6:00 pm - Social



7:00 pm - Dinner
Location: The School of Fine Dining
4121 14th Ave, east of Birchmount Rd.
Cost: \$50.00 per person
Contact: Nick Zarafonitis @ tsfd@bellnet.ca or 905.477.1161

Sunday April 21 2013

Toronto Assembly #2 - Rainbow Girls - Introduction to the Rainbow and PJ Game Party

All Girls 11 - 21 are invited for an afternoon of FUN. Prize for the best PJs.



Wii Games, Minute to Win It, Deal or No Deal, etc.

Fun, Food, Games, Prizes and chances to learn more about Rainbow

No cost. Canadian Tire Coupons or Pet Food Donations for the Durham Humane Society are most welcome.

Time: 2:00 pm
Location: Doric Pickering Masonic Hall
Contact: Barb McGregor @ barb.mcgregor@rogers.com or 416.282.4254

Tuesday April 30 2013

Toronto and York Districts - Grand Master's Reception

Honouring Most Worshipful Bro. D. Garry Dowling. No tickets will be available at the door. Ladies most welcome.

Time: 5:30 pm - Social
7:00 pm - Dinner
Location: Crystal Fountain Banquet Hall
60 McDowell Gate, Markham
Cost: \$60.00 pp
Contact: Gerald Newall @ g.newall@sympatico.ca or 905.728.7388, or your District Deputy Grand Master while on his travels



Preserve thyself; instruct thyself; moderate thyself; live for thy fellow citizens that they may live for thee.

- Constantin François de Chasseboeuf, Comte de Volney (1757-1820)

Saturday May 4 2013

Markham Union - Rusty Mason Breakfast

Haven't been at lodge for awhile? Not sure of the Steps, Signs and Protocol of the Three Degrees? This is an opportunity to enjoy breakfast with the guys and to refresh your skills.

Time: 8:00 am - Breakfast
9:00 am - Rusty Mason
Location: Claremont Masonic Hall



Cost: \$5.00
Contact: Bruce Grimbleby @ grimblebybm@gmail.com or 905.472.8124

Sunday May 5 2013

Scarboro - Annual Walk for MS

Lace up for the 2013 MS Walk and help change lives for the better - beginning right where you live. Your participation will help fund innovative programs and services in your community and support groundbreaking research dedicated to finding a cure.

Deeds! Not words!

Can you imagine waking up one morning and not being able to walk? Or see clearly? Or even speak without difficulty? The symptoms of multiple sclerosis are many and vary for everyone. The number of Canadians living with MS increases every day? and will continue to rise until we find a cure.



We've formed a team in the MS Walk because the MS Society is the only national voluntary organization in Canada that supports both MS research and services, and the MS Walk has been a critical part of the MS Society's fundraising efforts for over 20 years. Proceeds from this event and others like it provide support and services to help those living with this disease, their families and caregivers. They also fund research with three primary goals: to find a cause and cure for MS, repair nervous system damage caused by MS and stop MS attacks.

Make a difference!

Join our team in the MS Walk and spend the day with friends and family knowing that you are helping to create a future free of multiple sclerosis. If you aren't able to participate in the walk yourself, make a team donation to the Scarboro Masonic Lodge team and help us in our fundraising.

http://mssoc.convio.net/site/TR/Walk/OntarioDivision/492246333?px=1194015&pg=personal&fr_id=1907

Your support will make a difference - be part of a future without MS.

Time: 8:00 am - Check in
10:00 am - Start
Location: Willow Park Junior Public School
45 Windover Dr, Toronto
Contact: Frank MacKay @ frank_mackay@hotmail.com

Thursday May 30 2013

Scottish Rite - Master Masons Night



Another special evening open to all Master Masons who wish to learn more about Freemasonry. Invite a brother from your own Masonic lodge as a guest of the Valley of Toronto for the evening. Witness the portrayal of the colourful and impressive 21st degree.

We invite all Master Masons to be our guests. A ticket is required for admittance. Contact your Scottish Rite lodge representative or Scottish Rite District



Chairman.

Time: 7:30 pm
Location: Rameses Masonic Centre
3100 Keele St.
Cost: \$10 pp - members only
Contact: Elroy MacKinnon @ elroy@sympatico.ca or 905.839.5789 or
any Scottish Rite District Chairman

*The wise man, even when he holds his tongue, says more than the fool when he speaks.
- Jewish Proverb*

Saturday August 24 2013

Toronto East District - Annual BBQ and Corn Roast

The Annual BBQ and Corn Roast held by The Ancients (Senior Wardens Group 2012/13), Toronto East District.

Time: 11:00 am
Location: WindReach Farm
Cost: \$10 pp - Adult
\$25 - Family
Contact: Maher Eid @ cici20101998@yahoo.com



... by the Lighthouse Beam

All These Things We Shall Transmit



In the city-state of Athens during the Golden Age of the 5th century BC., one of the great annual events was the ceremony of induction into full citizenship of the youth who had attained their majority during the year. The ancient oath of citizenship dedicated them to their duties and responsibilities, which included: “To fight alone or with many for the ideals and the sacred things . . . never to desert comrades in the battle . . . to bring no disgrace to the city by a dishonest act . . . to revere and obey the laws and support the magistracy . . . to strive to quicken the public sense of civic duty . . . etc. So, that in all these things we shall transmit this city, to those who follow after, not

only not less, but greater, better, and more beautiful than it was transmitted to us.”

Is there a lessons here for the citizens of North America, 2,500 years later, as they look around at the horrible mess of fraud, corruption, dope, crime, riot, violence, destruction, rape and murder unlimited into which their civilization has deteriorated, and to consider what they “shall transmit to those who follow after?”

Is there an even more profound lesson for the Freemasons of North America, who claim that their institution is one of the greatest in the world for the inculcation of high ideals, and the development of noble character, in the lives of men?

It is becoming increasingly obvious in these latter years of the 20th century that the Masonic machinery at present in operation is losing its impetus, and is steadily grinding towards a complete break-down; that it is in urgent need of a complete overhaul and some major repairs.

The published statistics of September 1969 (courtesy of the Iowa Masonic Bulletin), show the total net loss in membership in the Grand Lodges of the United States and Canada, in nearest round figures, at 46,000, an increase of 5,000 over the previous year. The total net loss for the past nine years, since the decline began in 1960, for the same area, stands at approximately 250,000. This, in a period of unparalleled, prosperity, and “exploding population,” calls for an intelligent appraisal of the situation in an endeavour to arrive at the cause which produces such serious results.

It has been said by some, who really should know better, that these “drop-outs” were some sort of inferior species of applicants, “who should not have been admitted in the first place”, “came with wrong motives”, “dead wood to be trimmed”, and so on. But, such a “holier than thou” and un-Masonic attitude, towards those who were received upon due recommendation, and warmly welcomed as brothers among us some ten or fifteen years ago, is not the answer.

In the great influx of new members who came into the craft during the late forties, and the decade of the fifties, the vast majority were ex-service men of the armed forces of World War II - men who had caught



the vision of “that shining thing in the souls of free men”, and had gone forth to fight and die to preserve it. But, when that terrific conflict ended, something went wrong with the democracy which they had made safe, by the “last full measure of their devotion,” and the visions of the promised “Bright New World” faded into the mists of the old political and financial scrambles for “wealth, and place, and power, for rank and reputation.”

These disillusioned men saw in the public image of Masonry, an institution based upon ideals and principles which seemed to strike responsive chords in their hearts and lives, inspiring the hope that within it were preserved some of those finer qualities of life which were rapidly disappearing from the world outside, so they came into its membership in the thousands during the post war years.

Accordingly, the “degree mills” went into high gear. The necessary legal contracts were drawn up, “signed, sealed and delivered”, whereby the party of the first part undertook to communicate “all the lights, rites and benefits of this worshipful lodge, erected to God and dedicated to the Holy Saints John”, to the party of the second part upon his undertaking to comply with certain laws, rules and regulations (then unknown to him), and upon payment of a required sums of the lawful money of the state.

So many of these legal agreements have since become null and void that the question needs to be decided as to which of the parties failed to honour their obligations in relation to the contracts. The party of the second part is clear, by all legal rules, because he was obliged to fulfill his side and the contract before any action took place.

Can the party of the first part make any honest claim to have fulfilled its side of the contract by the preposterous concept that “all the lights, rites, and benefits”, which include the accumulated wisdom teaching of the immemorial ages of the past, concerning the life of man from the cradle to the coffin and beyond, can be conveyed through three short ritual dramas, somewhat indifferently presented, by a drama cast of third or fourth class actors?

The subsequent “parrot-like” proving examinations do nothing to explain or elucidate the true esoteric meaning contained in the allegories and mysteries presented, which, not even the scholar with the Ph.D. can unravel, without much assistance and instruction, that seldom, if ever was provided. There are some definitions as to what constitutes “obtaining money by false pretences,” but the legal proviso “lack of intent to defraud” provides the escape clause.

Who can blame those thousands of “good men and true” if they considered that Freemasonry, AS THEY SAW IT, “was but a series of meaningless rites and ceremonies,” which did not measure up to their exalted concept of what they believed it to be?

Hence, the decision to write off their investment in its activities as an unproductive item on their portfolio.

One of the hard, cold facts of life today, which Freemasons, both individually and collectively, seem to be unable, or unwilling to face, is: That the world we knew ten years ago HAS ENDED. No one who is alive and awake to what is happening can have any illusions to the challenge of new patterns of thought and philosophy in modern life, and their ultimate effects upon human behaviour. Neither does anyone need to claim inheritance in the “prophet’s mantle” to be aware of the fact that our whole system of civilization is rapidly approaching the most terrific crisis in human history. The events of 1968/69 leave little room for doubt in that regard.



The world is ready and waiting for the application of Masonic truth, in areas beyond the exceedingly limited scope of the individual, into the larger field of public life, as an antidote to the virus of lawlessness and disruption that is afflicting the body politic of humanity today. A third age in Masonry has been endeavouring to manifest itself for some time, and, like its predecessors, its advent will mark a period of much travail.

The operative age was highlighted by the cathedral builders, who erected those beautiful temples - poems in stone - to the honour and glory of the Most High. They still stand as a testimony of the noble faith, and spiritual hope in the hearts of the men who designed and built them.

During the latter half of the 17th century in Great Britain, the confused religious patterns which followed the "restoration," and the subsequent revolution of 1688, brought the tide of moral and spiritual values to a very low ebb. Some scholarly men, appalled by the situation, began to speculate upon the possibility that the application of the principles, working tools, ancient charges, and form of organization of the Operative Masons when applied in an ethical sense to human life would, likewise, build living temples in the hearts and lives of men. So in the shadow of St. Paul's cathedral, the last of the great temples of the Operative Age, the Grand Lodge of 1717 inaugurated a second age in the history of the craft, completely divergent from the former, in order to meet the needs of a confused and unsettled period in the life of the nation. In subsequent years it came to be known as "The Age of Speculative Masonry."

The basic theory of Speculative Masonry is that the major effort be directed towards the development of character and improvements of life and conduct in the individual man, who is mentally, physically and morally qualified to benefit from the teaching and has the avowed desire to learn and to improve. By a peculiar system of ritualistic ceremonies derived from the powerful dramas of life and death, as portrayed in its allegories, profound principles of morality and virtue are inculcated, which help to build him up into a better man and a better citizen.

By keeping the principles of truth, honour, virtue, charity, justice and mercy strong and active in the lives of individuals, Speculative Masonry assumes that goodness and honour in society must result from the presence within it of men who are actuated by these high principles and whose desire shall be to mould the life of their nation nearer to the Masonic ideal. When every Freemason carries over into his particular sphere in society the precepts of the institution, an inevitable impact is made upon the whole life and transactions of mankind. Rise, and set in motion, the "spiritual potential of Freemasonry" and a force is thereby generated that can transform the world.

However, notwithstanding the exhortation in the charge delivered to every Master Mason, "to improve the morals and correct the manners of men in society must be your constant care," the speculative theory is not working now, and has not worked for some considerable time. It has become increasingly evident that North American society today is reflecting much more of the culture patterns of ancient Sodom and Gomorrah than those of the Masonic ideal.

In the democratic system higher ideals and principles in society can be inculcated and maintained only by majority rule. Even though an active, dedicated minority under intelligent direction can wield tremendous influence, yet the final decisions are made by count of heads, regardless of what may be inside them. Those well known clichés of the Masonic speaker: "it is not numbers that count", "it is quality not quantity we require", need to be re-examined in the light of present situations as to whether they are any longer valid; especially that final oration for applause, "get more Masonry into men, rather than more men into Masonry", Just how you get more Masonry into men, if you are not getting the men, needs to be more clearly defined.



The compulsions of a Divine Destiny are urging the craft into a larger field of labour in the third age of Masonry to transmit the principles of its inspired heritage of moral and spiritual realities into the life of this babbled and confused generation which is desperately seeking the light, by which they “tread its path amidst the encircling gloom” of the gathering storm.

Masonic truth is eternal, but it must be shared or it ceases to flow . . . it cannot be hoarded as the miser gloats over his accumulated gold. The Great Master laid down the precept, “not every one that sayeth unto me, ‘Lord! Lord!’ shall enter into the Kingdom, but he that doeth the will of My Father . . .”

The third age of “applied Masonry” calls for doing, and just as the Operative cathedral building was a well-organized collective effort, so does the challenge to rebuild the temple of our civilization in today’s world call for a like collective effort, because the tiny light shed by the individual Mason labouring on the task is completely swallowed up in the exciting brilliance of modern life.

The answer to the paramount question of the day: “What Does Freemasonry Do?” can be provided only by the organized institution itself, as a corporate entity, directing and controlling the collective effort of its members.

Upon the leadership in each jurisdiction falls the responsibility to mobilize the best brains available to devise ways and means, and set up the necessary machinery, whereby its members can transmit into the various aspects of society within their reach, the positive assurance that Freemasonry is no longer Speculative - that the speculations of the 1700s have become the absolute for the 1970s. Now, we know that when applied to life it works, as millions of witnesses all around the world can testify to its effect in their lives.

The same principles applied to the collective life, the body politic, of a nation or people can produce like results. It requires only intelligent application.

Dedicated leadership can further expand its machinery to meet the need implied in the axiom “that no man can transmit more than he has.” A vigorous campaign to really “put more Masonry into men,” will inevitably produce an overflow into the society of which they form a part.

Among the most vital areas of that society today are the Masonic youth organizations. Nowhere else will the adult advice and guidance of Freemasons be more welcome, and produce greater results than amongst the boys and young men of the Order of DeMolay, Boy Scouts and like motivated groups. They will be the leaders of tomorrow’s world and if it is to be moulded nearer to the “Masonic ideal,” then here is where the foundation must be laid.

Some years ago a well-known Canadian author published a book entitled, “The Comfortable Pew.” It created quite a furor in the organized church, because of its sharp criticism of “those who sat at ease in Zion,” ignoring the problems in the social life around them. In the absence of a similar Masonic publication, perhaps it may be order to pose a question to every Master Mason who may have read thus far: -

“Are you fully convinced in your own mind, and believe in your heart, that Freemasonry, under its present system of operation can recover its lost prestige in society, and go on to larger growth and greater service to humanity, so long as you continue to sit on the ‘comfortable bench’ within the tiled recesses of your lodge - your little ivory tower - while outside the world bleeds?”

The answer is yours! And upon your reaction to it depends the place and worth of Freemasonry in the world of tomorrow.



“So that in all these things we shall transmit this city to those who follow after, not only not less, but greater, better and more beautiful than it was transmitted to us.”

Author: Laurence Healey
Publisher: The Tracing Board, GRS.
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LODGES OF TORONTO EAST DISTRICT:

Toronto East District is comprised of the lodges residing in the Claremont, Doric-Pickering, and East Toronto (Chisholm) Masonic Temples.

<u>Lodge and No</u>	<u>Temple</u>	<u>Reg</u>	<u>Emg</u>	<u>Inst</u>	<u>Off Vst</u>
Acacia #430	East Tor	3 rd Mon	2 nd Mon	Sep	Mar
Alpha-Tuscan #384 www.alphatuscanlodge384.org	East Tor	1 st Thu	3 rd Thu	Oct	Feb
Birch Cliff #612 <i>A Cornerstone Lodge</i> www.birchcliffodge.com	Doric	2 nd Fri	4 th Fri	Dec	Feb
Brougham Union #269	Clar	1 st Wed		Oct	Apr
Caledonia #637 www.caledonialodge637.com	York *	3 rd Mon	1 st Mon	Oct	Apr
Canada #532	Doric	1 st Tue	3 rd Wed	Oct	Feb
Coronati #520 www.coronatilodge520.ca	Doric	2 nd Thu		Sep	Apr
Doric #424 www.doric424.com	Doric	3 rd Thu	1 st Thu	Dec	Oct
Friendship #729	Doric	2 nd Wed		May	Oct
Markham Union #87 www.markhamunion87.org	Clar	3 rd Wed		Nov	Apr
Mimosa #576 www.mimosalodge.com	East Tor	1 st Mon	3 rd Mon	Oct	Apr
Riverdale - John Ross Robertson #494 <i>A Cornerstone Lodge</i> www.rjrr494.com	East Tor	3 rd Tue	1 st Tue	Sep	Apr
Scarboro #653	Doric	2 nd Mon	4 th Mon	Dec	Mar
The Beaches #473 www.beacheslodge.ca	York *	1 st Thu		May	Mar
The Imperial East Gate #543	East Tor	2 nd Wed		Nov	Feb
Todmorden #647 www.todmordenlodge.com	East Tor	2 nd Thu	4 th Thu	Nov	Mar
Universe #705 www.ul705.com	East Tor	2 nd Tue	4 th Tue	Oct	Feb
West Hill #670	East Tor	1 st Wed	3 rd Wed	Dec	Mar
Wexford #683	Doric	1 st Fri	3 rd Fri	Nov	Apr
Total Lodges:	19				

* With the sale of the Scarborough Masonic Temple, the inhabiting lodges of that building have relocated to the other buildings. Caledonia Lodge #637 and The Beaches Lodge #473 have relocated to the York Temple which geographically is customarily outside Toronto East District.



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